

Haynes School Newsletter - January 31, 2017

The Gift of Reading for Your Little Valentine!

The holidays are over, but Valentine's Day is around the corner. Want to celebrate someone you LOVE in your family? Does your child LOVE school because of a particular teacher or staff member? Spread a little love and support the Haynes library all at the same time by sponsoring a book through the Gift of Reading program. Click [HERE](#) to access our school library wish list. Pick a book from this list, generated by students' interests and ideas, and sponsor the title to be added to our school's circulating collection. Be sure to note in the "Gift Message" box, who is donating the book and the name of anyone you may be honoring with this donation. Gift of Reading books are also a great idea for birthdays, holidays, or celebrating someone special "just because". Thanks so much for supporting our library. Please contact [Jodi Sparks](#) with any questions.

It's Time for Japan Festival!

Kon'nichiwa First Grade Families! Soon the first graders will begin their study of Japan, and planning for this year's Japan Festival has already begun. The festival will be on the morning of **Wednesday, March 29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm** and parent volunteers make the festival possible. We are excited about this event and hope that you can join us to make it a fun and memorable occasion. There are many volunteer opportunities to fit different schedules.

All volunteers will be given detailed instructions and guidelines on how their station is run. We have several years of notes to make sure all volunteers know exactly what needs to be done to execute a great festival. Visit the [HOP website](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to sign up. Please make arrangements for siblings since the event is only open to first graders.

If you plan to attend by volunteering, please be sure to have an updated CORI check. If you are unsure about whether your CORI form is up-to-date, please check with Marcy Sawin at the school front desk by March 1st. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to receive additional information. If you would like to volunteer, please click [here](#) to sign up through the HOP website. Arigato (thanks) in advance for your help in making this year's festival a success!

Japan Festival Co-Chairs – [Cheri Ando](#) & [Valerie Frissora](#)

Urgent Action Requested!

Dear Families,

We would like to encourage you all to please reach out to our town Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee Members to tell them that you do NOT want budget cuts to our schools! The first FINCOM (finance committee) meeting was on Monday night but it is still important that they hear from us because the process is not over.

Please click [here](#) for the sample letter) But please let your voice be heard!! You can email the following committees:

fincom@sudbury.ma.us

school-committee@sudbury.k12.ma.us

boardofselectmen@sudbury.ma.us

anne_wilson@sudbury.k12.ma.us

The HOP Board

New School Store Items Have Arrived!

The store will be open from **8:45-9:05 AM every Tuesday and Thursday from January 10th-February 16th**. Grades 1, 2 and 3 are invited to shop every Tuesday morning and Kindergarten, 4th and 5th graders will be able to shop every Thursday morning. In addition to being an excellent leadership opportunity for our fifth grade class, all proceeds will go to fund the fifth grade end of year activities, as well as a class gift to the Haynes School Community. Student purchases are limited to \$4.00 maximum each week. Items include notepads, erasers, pencil cases, highlighters, pens/pencils, and other assorted school supplies.

Many **5th grade parents and guardians are needed** to help support the students run the store! Please sign up [HERE!](#)

Bingo Night is Coming!

Have fun playing bingo with friends & many of your favorite teachers calling out the bingo numbers! It's Friday, March 3rd at Curtis Middle School. There are two seatings: 5:30 – 7:00p.m. and 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person (children under 3 are free), or \$20 per family. Reservations must be made in advance, no "tickets" will be sold at the door and due to fire code requirements, all attendees (even event volunteers) will need an admission ticket. [RESERVE ONLINE](#)

We'll have pizza, salads, snacks and raffle baskets! You can [pre-order food](#) from Sudbury Pizza. Large Cheese will be \$12 and Chicken Caesar salads will be \$11.

Come to the Haynes Lobby and check out the 20 fabulous raffle baskets to be won on Bingo Night! Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Tickets and payments can be dropped in the raffle ticket box in the lobby starting on January 27th. Please make checks payable to HOP!

SPS Annual Book Drive at Haynes

Haynes will be participating in the annual Book Drive to benefit the Fitchburg Public Schools.

This year's collection will be March 3rd-17th! Collection bins will be in front of the Haynes Library beginning on March 3rd. Last year Haynes collected over 2,000 books to help SPS reach its goal of donating 10,000 books – let's collect even more this year! We have already pre-collected over 800 books to put to our tally. Let's aim BIG and try for 3,000 books for 2017!!!!

So, PLEASE look on your book shelves, your attic or your basement . . . ask your friends and neighbors to look . . . for new or gently used books that could help a child (pre-K to 8th grade) learn the joy of reading. (PLEASE NO TEXT BOOKS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, or RELIGIOUS BOOKs but holiday books are ok.) The Red Raiders Lending Libraries of Fitchburg are grateful for your donations! For more details or if you want to donate your books before March 3rd, please contact [Roz Hawk](#).

STeAM Carnival, March 16th - A New Look for the Science Fair

This year, the Science Fair is changing focus. Rather than being an evening to showcase experiments conducted at home, this will be a daytime event - a STEAM Carnival where all of Haynes students will join in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math focused exploration.

The STEAM Carnival will be held during the school day on March 16th. There will be: virtual and augmented reality stations where students will explore other times and places; obstacle courses to challenge the laws of physics; simple machines used to create Rube Goldberg devices; Stop action animation; Coding; Robotics, and more. A STEAM Carnival is a hands-on, immersive experience for students.

All students will rotate through many different experiences-some will also demonstrate and guide other students. We would love to have volunteers for the actual event itself, but if you do not have time to come, please consider donating some of the consumables (such as origami paper, straws, paper towel

tubes, etc.) or loaning items (like drones, marble runs, and erector sets.) The students will be learning all about it in Friday meeting soon, and I know they will be as excited as we are!

Important: Haynes MCAS 2.0 Schedule for Spring 2017

NOTE CHANGE for 5th Grade ELA - NOW April 25th, 27th, and May 1st

Included below is the specific schedule for the upcoming MCAS test. These are the exact dates your child(ren) will be taking the exam. Please encourage your child to get sufficient rest the night before any test sessions, to eat breakfast, and to extend their best effort. Children should also be encouraged to bring a water bottle to school; hydration is a key to concentration. It is imperative that all children be in school during testing. Please try to avoid any appointments or trips that will prevent your child from attending school.

Grade/Test Session	Dates
Grade 3 MCAS: ELA	April 3rd, 4th, and 5th
Grade 3 MCAS: Math	May 3rd and 4th
Grade 4 MCAS: ELA	April 5th, 6th, and 7th
Grade 4 MCAS: Math	May 11th and 12th
Grade 5 MCAS: ELA	April 25th, 27th, and May 1st
Grade 5 MCAS: Math	May 8th and 9th
Grade 5 MCAS: Science, Technology, Engineering	May 16th and 17th

A hard copy of this letter was sent home on Friday, January 6th with your child. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement during the testing.

Sincerely,

Sharon and Scott

* This year, all Massachusetts students in 4th grade will be assessed using Computer-based Testing (CBT). In order to prepare our students for this testing, 4th grade students are participating in a keyboarding program from www.TypingClub.com. All students have accounts and passwords. We encourage students to practice keyboarding at home to prepare for the writing portions of the test. If you have questions about accessing the website or account information, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Community News</u>
2/1/17 - 3rd Grade Living History Biography presentations 9:45 - 10:45 AM	LS Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration
2/8/17 - METCO Field Trip to TeamWorks	Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open
2/8/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	How to Be a STEM Mentor
2/9/17 - 2nd Grade Lights and Lasers Science Presentation 9:45 - 2:15	A Capella Fundraiser Concert at Curtis
2/10/17 - Food Pantry Collection	

2/13/17 - K Valentine's Day Craft - 9:30am	
2/14/17 - G5 Stationery Project w/parents 1:30-3:00 pm	
2/17/17 - Special Whole School Assembly (Vocal Revolution) 2:00-3:00 pm	
2/18 - 2/26/17 - VACATION	